

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL



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GRANTS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting: Grants Committee
Date: 5 February 2026
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Place: Council Offices, Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

To: Grants Committee

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Grants Committee on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Toni Brenchley
Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interests that Members may wish to make.

3. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Grants Committee held on 4 September 2025 authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

4. TOWN GRANT APPLICANTS

Applicants requesting town grants of £1000 or more will be asked to attend the meeting to answer any questions that the Committee may have. A schedule will be available at the meeting.

	Applicant	Purpose	Amount
1	Folkestone Community Fridge	Folkestone Community Fridge	£2,500.00
2	Imago Community	Escape and Explore: Nature Days for Young Care	£930.00
3	Kent Community Domestic Abuse Program	Woman Support Worker (WSW)	£2,100.00
4	Strange Cargo	Charivari Day 2026	£2,500.00
5	Folkestone Twirlstars	UK Nationals	£2,500.00
6	Autism Help	New Pc's	£900.00
7	Folkestone Gurkha Memorial Fund	Folkestone Veterans Battle Tour	£2,500.00
8	Moving Memory	Moving Well Folkestone	£2,000.00
9	Folkestone Documentary Festival	Folkestone Doc Club 2026	£1,800.00
10	Folkestone Pride	Folkestone Pride 2026	£2,500.00
11	Shepway Brass Academy (SBA)	Funding for Shepway Brass Academy's Termly Pr	£1,740.00
12	OutdoorFolkey	Building a self-sufficient community for local res	£950.00
13	Kent Food Hubs CIC	Community food and social hub	£2,500.00
14	Noel Redding Project CIC	Temporary Noel Statue	£2,500.00
	Total		£27,920

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The remainder of the Agenda has classified item 7 as disclosing exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) thereby excluding the press and public from the meeting whilst this item is debated. Press and members of the public should now leave.

5. TOWN GRANTS

Town Grant applications are assessed on merit against five categories. The Committee may propose a full award, reduced award or no award, based on the combined score and available budget.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 3 September 2026

Councillors on Committee:

Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly
Cllr Charlie Bain Smith
Cllr Bridget Chapman
Cllr Jane Darling
Cllr Laura Davison
Cllr Christine Dickinson
Cllr Peter Gane
Cllr Nicola Keen
Cllr Kieran Leigh

Cllr Adrian Lockwood
Cllr Connor McConville
Cllr Liz McShane
Cllr Lucy McGirr
Cllr Jackie Meade
Cllr Tim Prater
Cllr John Renshaw
Cllr Belinda Walker
Cllr Roger West

Parking available for Councillors @ 6.00pm on the precinct area at the front of the Town Hall.



FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Grants Committee Meeting on 4 September 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, John Renshaw, Christine Dickinson, Belinda Walker, Lucy McGirr, Connor McConville, Kieran Leigh, Bridget Chapman, Peter Gane, Adrian Lockwood and Jackie Meade.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darling, Roger West and Nicola Keen.

ABSENT: Councillors Charlie Bain Smith, Laura Davison, Liz McShane and Tim Prater

OFFICERS PRESENT: Liz Timmins – Communities & Grants Officer

154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Jane Darling, Roger West and Nicola Keen

RESOLVED: To accept the Apologies from Councillors Jane Darling, Roger West and Nicola Keen.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F: 11, Ag:0 , Ab: 0

155. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Committee were asked to appoint a Chair for the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lucy McGirr be appointed Chair of the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F:11, Ag:0, Ab:0

156. APPONTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Committee were asked to appoint a Vice Chair for the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Belinda Walker be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane

Voting: F: 11, Ag:0 , Ab:0

157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Belinda Walker declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in the Grimston Area Community Group. Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly declared a personal, but not prejudicial interest in 2nd and 4th Cheriton Guides.

158. GRANTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Grants Committee held on 6 February 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Grants Committee held on 6 February 2025 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F: 11, Ag:0 , Ab:0

159. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In line with the Town Council's adopted Standing Orders, the Committee was asked to consider the Terms of Reference for the Grants Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference be adopted for 2025/26.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F: 11, Ag:0 , Ab:0

160. TOWN GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicants requesting Town Grants of over £1,000 gave short presentations and answered any questions from the Committee members.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The remainder of the Agenda classified item 7 as disclosing exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) thereby excluding the press and public from the meeting whilst this item is debated.

161. TOWN GRANTS

Town Grant applications were assessed on merit against five categories by each Councillor. Scores were then accumulated to calculate the award.

Applicant	Purpose	Amount
Folkestone Rescue	Rescue Boat	*£2,500
Folkey Birth Club	FBC Postnatal Circle	£1,700
South Kent Mind	Healthy Eating on a Budget	£1,000
Touchbase Care	Touchbase Care Christmas Meal	£1,500
Grimston Area Community Group	Accessibility and Engagement	£250
Disabled Friends and Family Assoc	Disabled children sports project	£650
Folkestone Twirlstars	Hall Hire and uniform	£1,000
Folkestone Gospel Singers	Singing For Health and Well-Being	£600
Folkestone Divers	Adults learn to swim project	£600
Gurkha Memorial Fund	10th Anniversary of The Memorial	£2,000
Fourth Wall Folkestone	Design + Art Fair	£1,200
Folkestone Documentary Festival	Folkestone Documentary Festival 2025	£2,000
Folkestone Choral Society	Mozart Requiem	£1,500
2nd and 4th Cheriton Guides	International Trip to The Azores	£250
a:dress	ReWear The Revolution!	£250
Folkestone Festivals	Summer of Bands on Bandstand 2026	£2,500
Total		£19,500

**Folkestone Rescue are to inform the Communities and Grants Officer of further funding received before funds are paid.*

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane
Seconded: Councillor Bridget Chapman
Voting: F:11, Ag: 0, Ab:0

162. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 5 February 2026.

The Meeting concluded at 9.25pm

Chair

Date